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Ms. Patricia Derian  
Assistant Secretary of State for  
Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs  
Room 7802, 2201 C Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Ms. Derian:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Baltimore Adoption Group of Amnesty International regarding Rudolfo Juan Begnardi. Sr. Begnardi was a trade union official at the Dalmine Siderca factory in Buenos Aires who was arrested in November, 1975. He was imprisoned in the "Cuidad de la Plata" in Argentina but he was never tried or sentenced for any crime.

I have recently learned that Sr. Begnardi was granted a "libertad vigilada" but it is my understanding that he must remain in Buenos Aires during this year of parole. Amnesty International has not received any assurance that he will be released after the year of parole has been completed.

Nora Begnardi, Sr. Begnardi's wife, recently was released from her imprisonment and she and their son are now living in Baltimore, Maryland. Needless to say, she is most anxious to be reunited with her husband.

I urgently request that a review of this situation be made. In addition, I would like to ask that the State Department contact the Argentinian government to urge that Sr. Begnardi be released from his country as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

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U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/TPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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